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SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES--INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT

1. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES SCHEDULED TO MEET APRIL 21 AND WILL REVIEW INTERSESSIONAL DEPARTURES FROM APPROVED CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES FOR 1975. MAJOR CHANGE PROPOSED IS ADDITION OF SECOND UNCTAD COMMODITY CONFERENCE TO 1975 SCHEDULE. THIS WOULD BE UNCTAD COMMODITY CONFERENCE TO RENEGOTIATE INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT OF 1972. PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1975, BASING ITSELF ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, I.E., ONLY ONE SUCH COMMODITY CONFERENCE IN NORMAL UNCTAD SCHEDULE, DID NOT BUDGET FOR A SECOND COMMODITY CONFERENCE. THUS NEW FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS INVOLVED ARE ON ORDER OF \$275,000. 1975 TIN CONFERENCE IS ALREADY PROGRAMMED. SECRETARY GENERAL WILL THUS HAVE TO REQUEST SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE OF \$275,000 TO BE ADDED TO 1974-75 BIENNIUM BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED TO UNGA AT ITS 30TH SESSION.

2. SECRETARIAT INFORMS US THAT IT HAS SET ASIDE SPACE AND FACILITIES FOR CONFERENCE AT GENEVA FROM SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 17, 1975; THESE ARRANGEMENTS WERE CONFIRMED BY TRADE AND DEVELOPEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOARD ON MARCH 21.

3. USUN BELIEVES THAT ADDITION OF SECOND COMMODITY CONFERENCE TO REGULAR CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES SHOULD BE OPPOSED IN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES. THIS IS GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE CROWDING OF CONFERENCE SCHEDULES. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD PROPOSE, OR SUPPORT PROPOSAL BY OTHERS, IN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES THAT THE COCOA CONFERENCE BE DELAYED UNTIL EARLY 1976. IN ANY EVENT, COCOA AGREEMENT ITSELF IS NOT DUE TO EXPIRE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1976. WE SHOULD RESIST WHEN POSSIBLE HOLDING OF MORE THAN ONE COMMODITY CONFERENCE PER YEAR. FINALLY, IF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES IS TO HAVE ANY TEETH, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADOPT POSITIONS SOMETIMES UNPOPULAR, BUT WHICH ARE BASED ON CONSIDERATIONS OF EFFICIENCY, ECONOMY, AND ADEQUATE PLANNING.

4. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY BY DEPARTMENT, USUN PLANS TO QUESTION HOLDING THIS CONFERENCE IN 1975.
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